



News at Paw Creek

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From the Pastor...

Dear Paw Creek Presbyterian Church,

Merry Christmas! This is a greeting that you will hear and deliver to many people you meet both stranger and friend alike. And for most people, it is a merry time of year when we remember the Christ Child's birth. There will be worship services and sing-a-longs. There will be dinner parties and the joy of breaking bread together. There will be baking and shopping and visiting with family and friends far and near. There will be traveling and staying put. All sorts of wonderment will accompany this most wonderful time of the year. I say rejoice and be glad in it. Remember those also for whom this time of year is most difficult, who do not get enjoyment or pleasure from this season. Remember those for whom this season is wrought with stress and worry and concern. Remember those families for whom Christmas will not mean gifts under a tree or a nice turkey dinner at the table. Remember to pray for all of God's children for whom this day means sadness and if you are able spread a little joy in their direction. Let them know of the joy of the Christ child and that his birth brings unspeakable joy because of Emmanuel, God with us!

Luke 2:8-14 (NRSV)

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.
⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

My all your days be merry and filled with the light of Christ. Merry Christmas.

Rev. Veronica Cannon

Offerings & Attendance



Offerings:

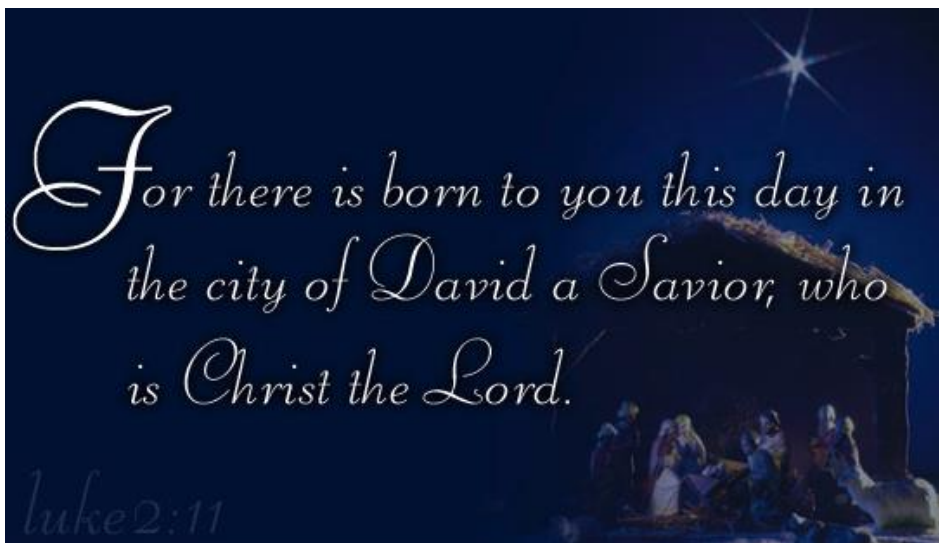
November 27 - \$3,190.31
December 4 - \$10,699.00

S/S Attendance:

November 27 - 58
December 4 - 68

Worship Attendance:

November 27 - 101
December 4 - 119



Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns:

- Mitch Sutton - Continued prayers
- Margaret White - Recovering from a fall
- Barbara Rumble - Recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Melinda Shannon finishing the last of Radiation treatments. Pray for continued success.
- John Riggins's Mother- Continue to pray for health issues
- Beth Joy's Mother - recovery from surgery
- Gina Wallace, (Kim Whittington's sister-in-law) recovery from surgery.
- Ebony Caldwell - continued prayers.
- Victims of the Tennessee and California Fires

Keep in Your Prayers:

- Hoyt & Jean Johnston
- Mary Frances Lail
- Flora Mae Love
- Diane Pegram
- Dave Reames
- Marlene Thames
- The Pastor Nominating Committee

Celebrations:

- Stan & Belinda Springs celebrating 41 years of Marriage!
- Evie and her Leadership with the youth. We had 19 youth in attendance for their Taizé worship service and they joined us in the sanctuary for communion on Sunday.
- Great turnout for the Community wide Christmas Party last Sunday. The youth did a wonderful job with the Christmas play. Santa was his jolly self and we enjoyed meeting new friends from the community!
- Our Wednesday night Children's ministry now has 18 on the roll and are averaging 11 children each week. Thanks to Victoria Krebs and her team for the vision to see this ministry grow!



Service Assignments

Ushers:

Team Captains: Beth Joy
Ushers: Church Youth

CD Delivery (Mondays):

12/12 Linda Riggins
 12/19 Doris Harrington

Prayer Team:

12/11 Kay Searce & Ann Cashion
 12/18 Donna & Gene Hall

Nursery - Crib Room:

12/11 Karen Cathey & Rachel Wingate
 12/18 Caitlyn Deaton & Christy Corder

Greeters:

Narthex: Tim Sudderth & Danny McClure
East Wing: Teresa Painter
West Wing: Vickie Joy

Nursery - Toddler Room:

12/11 Joy Pinkston
 12/18 Marsha Cathey

Count Team:

Team Leaders: Peggy Harrington & Linda Riggins
Team: Bob Rudisill, Larry Ramsey, Karen Sisk, & Robin Wodarski

Visitation Teams for December:

Visiting Teams:

Frances Lyerly & Jane McArver
 Joyce & Leslie Joy
 Ken & Vernie Smith
 Peggy Harrington & Marsha Cathey
 Barbara Ullem & Teresa Painter
 Gene & Donna Hall
 Linda Riggins & Ann Cashion

Special Friends to be Visited:

Diane Pegram
 Mike Johnson
 Richard Rumble & Joe Troutman
 Rennie Auten
 Bill Faust & Jean Johnston
 Sue Love & Dave Reames
 Allen Wingate (& Laura) & Mary Frances Lail

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be **December 11th.**

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)



The Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for the PNC: Grady Cathey, Gene Hall, Sarah Kendrick, Victoria Krebs, Eddie McArver, Gerri Ann Shaw, and Debbie Taylor

Offering Envelopes

Please be sure to pick up your Offering envelopes in the Narthex after worship.



Need a Ride?

People to call if you need a ride:
 Ann Cashion (704)966-1004
 Donna Hall (704)399-6483
 Jim Meier (704)756-9218
 Anne Miller (704)392-2989



If you are willing to be on this list, please call Ann Cashion or email: acatlake@gmail.com

Blanket Sunday Donations Greatly Appreciated

In Lieu of Poinsettias

The congregation donated about \$860 for the recent Blanket Sunday offering. The Presbyterian Women of Paw Creek greatly appreciate the donation to Church World Service for the purchase of durable blankets for disaster relief in the US and worldwide. Several people made donations in memory or honor of a loved one as provided below.

Again, thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,
 Presbyterian Women of Paw Creek

In Honor of:

Patricia Echerd
 Room in the Inn Neighbors
 Alexis Tyler, Cayleigh Tyler
 & Autumn Ballenger
 Friends
 Ashley & Laura Gross (Granddaughters)
 Shut-ins
 Brooke, Bailey, Colby & Elijah
 Addie & Josie

Given by:

Grady and Shelby Alexander
 Grady and Karen Cathey
 Bill and Joy Tyler
 Linda Riggins
 Miriam Childress
 Frances Lyerly
 Donna Hall
 David, Karen & Kristen Turner

In Loving Memory of:

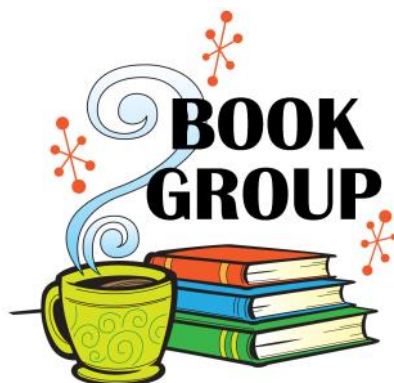
Mildred Curlee
 Libby Stogner
 Don Cox, Sr. & Don Cox, Jr.
 Lillie Johnston, Flossie Adkins,
 Mary Rozelle, & Mabel Price
 Kelley Longshore
 Cliff Timberman
 Ed & Jennie Wilkie, Doris Johnson,
 Patty Johnson, & Amy Timberman
 David Ullem
 Joe White
 Eddie Crowe

Given by:

Grady and Shelby Alexander
 Jim Stogner
 Sarah Cox and Rick Cox
 Joe and Emily Adkins
 Tommy and Ann Cashion
 Andrea Timberman
 Betty Timberman
 Barbara Ullem
 Margaret White
 Larry and Vicky Ramsey

The Congregational Care Committee asks that you consider donating money to the Social Service fund in lieu of purchasing poinsettias as part of the Christmas decorations that are usually displayed on or near Cantata Sunday. You may make your donation in honor or memory of a loved one. Many of those attending Paw Creek are in financial stress, particularly at this time of year, and we believe that this a better way to honor the cherished memories of those we love. The Committee will still have a special decoration for the Sunday of the Cantata and will post the name of those loved ones in the bulletin. We hope to have special envelopes in the Church pews in which to place your donations and mark with the name of the loved one. Please make your donations by **Sunday, December 11th**, so we can make sure that we have the names for Cantata Sunday on December 18th.

Thank you for your kind consideration...Congregational Care Committee



New Year, New Adventures... Come Join Our Book Group!

We will begin discussing Nadia Bolz-Weber’s book “Accidental Saints” beginning **Tuesday, January 3**. We meet in the back room (so as not to interfere with the diners) at Heirloom Restaurant (8470 Bellhaven Boulevard) each Tuesday beginning **at 5:30 p.m.**, and we usually stay for an hour or more. All are welcome any time – come join us for a visit with Nadia. Hope to see you there!

--Karen Cathey, Peggy Harrington, Beth Mathews, Amy McGee, and Debbie Taylor



PCPC Christmas Outreach

As we have for the past several years, we will be reaching out to community schools requesting information for needy families to provide Christmas gifts for their children. The families fill out detailed information about each child, and we try to provide gifts that fulfill needs and wishes of the child. Tags for individual gifts will be available starting Thanksgiving weekend. Gifts should be returned wrapped with original tag by December 16th. If you have questions please contact Tim Sudderth (704)-877-8498



We're not just sending dresses,
we're **Sending HOPE**

Friday Fun Night

December 9th @ 6:30 in the Scout Hut

Delicious Appetizers
then
Making Adorable Dresses

Please mark your calendar! Bring one pair of scissors! Then....bring a sister, a neighbor, a dear friend, a niece, an aunt, a cousin, a daughter, a granddaughter.....or come alone:)) Share fellowship and an opportunity to be a part of this very special night. We will be making adorable dresses from pillowcases for little girls in great need! We will also be part of a world wide mission entitled,

Little Dresses For Africa

No skills required! All materials will be provided!



Don't Miss this Exciting Series for women by Sharon Greer, that promises to answer the age old question of **Destiny & Purpose.**

<p>Women's Empowerment Series 2017 <u>Why doing the W.O.R.K.™ is more Satisfying than a warm Goopy Desert!</u></p> <p>If you are woman who: ·Has experienced life's harsh setbacks, ·Feeling unfulfilled or, ·Struggling to find your fit in this world?</p> <p>Then you are in the right place at just the right time!</p> <p>Don't miss this life changing series . . . Register at https://doingthework.eventbrite.com Cost: \$15/class or discounted rate with full series Call Sharon at 704-840-5685</p>	<p>Classes Offered</p> <p>Session 1: Your Key to Success: Do the W.O.R.K.™ Session 2: Stinking-Thinking Smackdown Session 3: The Art of Personal Power Session 4: Shaking off the LABELS of defeat! Session 5: The Ultimate Roadmap to Truth Session 6: Mirror-Mirror on the Wall: Journey to Self-Acceptance Session 7: Thriving through Life's Lessons Session 8: The Potency of Forgiveness Session 9: The Secret to Walking in Destiny & Purpose</p> <p>Dates: Every 2nd & 4th Mon. nights from January 9, 2017 – May 8, 2017 Time: 6:30–8:00 p.m. Location: Paw Creek Presbyterian Church 7400 Mount Holly Road Charlotte, NC 28214</p>
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(This will be held in the Session room.)

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Over 55 Appreciation Luncheon

When: Sunday, **December 18, 2016**

Time: Immediately Following Worship

Where: CFC

Please RSVP no later than December 15, 2016

If you are 55 or older, please join us at the Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by PCPC Youth in your honor to show our appreciation for the encouragement, leadership, support, and wisdom that you have shared.

Please RSVP by calling the Church Office @ 704-392-0329



Youth Christmas Party

Youth Christmas Party & White Elephant

When: **December 10, 2016**

Time: 11-3:30pm

Place: TBD

Please RSVP with Min. to Evie @ evsartjewelry@gmail.com

Upcoming Youth Events

December 10th

- 8:30am Samaritan's Feet
- 11:00am Youth Christmas Party

December 14th

- 6:00pm Youth Group

December 18th

- 12:30pm Senior Luncheon Sponsored by Youth- CFC

December 21st

- 6:00pm Youth Group

December 28th

- 6:00pm Youth Group





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Joining with our neighbors to meet the needs of those in our community as we walk together in Christ.

Lord, we thank you for...

Have a Prayer Request? To put someone on our prayer chain, obtain permission from the person or family involved, then call:
Judy Smith (704) 392-2892
-or-
Kay Scarce (704) 825-4446

Know someone Who Needs a Visit?
Please contact the Church Office or Rev. Cannon (704) 392-0329



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
"HAVE PATIENCE"
JAMES 5:7-10
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
CANTATA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
"TELL THE STORY"
LUKE 2:1-14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
"THE LIVING WORD"
JOHN 1:1-04

Church Calendar

Each Week...

Sunday

9:30am Session Meeting
9:45am Sunday School
10:55am Worship Service

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday

11:30am Senior Lunch Program

Monday

6:30pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Children Connecting with Christ
6:00pm MS/HS Youth Group
7:00pm Cub Scouts

Thursday

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

Future Happenings...

Wednesday, December 7

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth Group

Friday, December 9

6:30pm PW Little Dresses for Africa Workshop - Scout Hut

Saturday, December 10

9:00am Samaritan's Feet
11:00am Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11

11:00am 3rd Sunday of Advent/Stewardship Sunday

Monday, December 12

7:00pm Christian Ed Committee Mtg.

Wednesday, December 14

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
6:00pm Youth Group

Saturday, December 17

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Circle G

Sunday, December 18

11:00am 4th Sunday of Advent/Cantata
12:00pm 55 & Older Adult Appreciation Luncheon Sponsored by Youth in CFC

Monday, December 19

12:00pm Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, December 21

12:00pm *Bulletin Deadline for 12/25 & 1/1*
6:00pm Youth Group

Saturday, December 24

8:00pm Candlelight /Communion Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

No Sunday School Classes
11:00am Christmas Morning Service

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed - Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, December 27

7:00pm Stitches for Missions

Wednesday, December 28

6:00pm Youth Group

Sunday, January 1

11:00am Ten Cents a Meal Offering/Communion/Youth Taizé

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed - Happy New Year!